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PASS HEW/OIH AND DR. GORDON ZUBROD, NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE

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SUBJ: US-USSR HEALTH AGREEMENT: EXCHANGE OF CANCER DRUGS

1. PLEASE INFORM DR. GORDON ZUBROD OF THE NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE (HEW) THAT ADDITIONAL SOVIET CANCER DRUGS ARE BEING HAND-CARRIED TO THE US BY MR. ERASTUS CORNING, PANAM MANAGER, MOSCOW, WHO WILL ARRIVE JFK AIRPORT NEW YORK AT 19:15 HOURS, FRIDAY, AUGUST 31 VIA PANAM 91.

2. DRUGS CAN NOT REPEAT NOT SURVIVE MORE THAN FOURTEEN HOURS WITHOUT REFRIGERATION, BUT WITH REFRIGERATION WILL MAINTAIN THEIR EFFECTIVENESS INDEFINITELY. DRUGS WILL NOT BE UNDER REFRIGERATION DURING FLIGHT, BUT WILL BE COLD-PACKED. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT CORNING BE MET UPON ARRIVAL BY HEW REPRESENTATIVE WITH INSULATED CONTAINER AND ICE PACKING FOR IMMEDIATE STORAGE OF DRUGS FOR TRANSFER TO WASHINGTON. CONTAINER WILL BE APPROXIMATELY ONE CUBIC FOOT IN SIZE, WITH GROSS WEIGHT OF ABOUT ONE AND ONE HALF KILOGRAMS.

3. PLEASE CONFIRM BY IMMEDIQ THAT CORNING WILL BE MET UPON ARRIVAL AT JFK AND THAT OTHER NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS FOR RECEIVING DRUGS HAVE BEEN MADE.
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